



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Week 1, Term 3 2023

Kia ora and welcome back to Term 3.

I hope that you all enjoyed your time with your family at home for the holidays. It was great to see all the smiling faces back this week, with lots of holiday tales to tell.

A warm welcome to Bella and family. It's lovely to have you here. Bella has joined the Senior class this term. We hope that you enjoy your time at Poroti.

**TAHI HONEY:** We have been told that the BEE FRIENDS programme will be operating again in Term 4 of this year, which is awesome news. Shyanne Kelly-Pou will be our beekeeper. Due to food safety regulations and low honey production due to the weather, we did not receive our usual bulk honey to jar for sale. Instead we received TAHI Beelicious honey: FOREST, POHUTAKAWA and WILD already in jars and labelled. There are 250g and 400g versions which they have kindly provided for school fundraising. If you would like to purchase a jar, please send money to the school office or you can pay online (name as reference.) 250g \$5 and 400g \$10. (This is not crystallised!!)



**HUNDERTWASSER TRIP:** Next Thursday we are travelling by bus to the Town Basin as part of our 'Show Your True Colours' Theme this year. Both classes will be going. See separate notice attached to this newsletter for details.

**TANIWHA CHALLENGE:** This is an annual event we all attend at Te Horo Primary School. It is the Cross-Country day, lots of mud, fun, great hangi and atmosphere. We are training each day to build up stamina for the event. As it is cross country and the grounds are wet and muddy please ensure that children have the right clothing on, or send clothes to change into for training. Thanks.

**DANCE AND DRAMA:** For the first four Mondays of the term we are taking part in Dance / Drama workshops with Chyna who created the masks with the students last term. Students are learning about the techniques of dance.

**LUNCHES:** Libelle supplies lunches for our students each day. Currently most students take up this offer and enjoy the lunches. We have started to notice at the end of last term, continuing into this term that some students are 'deciding' which lunches to have, which means some days they are choosing not to eat. We do try to enforce eating, but . . . I am informing you of this so that you can discuss whether your child is 'in' the lunch programme or 'out.' We are concerned as we know those who have said 'yes' think their child is eating at lunchtime and not providing a lunch substitute. **If 'in' then it means every day!** Please let us know if there are any changes to the notification you have already given us as Libelle needs to be informed of numbers.

Mrs J



**BOARD REPORT:** The next Board Meeting is set for Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7pm.

**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS:** These will be held next **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** to discuss your child/ren's report and progress to date. Booking forms were sent home earlier this week. If you would like to book a 10-minute time, please return the form as soon as possible or telephone the office.

**SCHOOL CAMPS:** School camps will be taking place later in the year. Details on cost will be advised in the next few weeks however if you would like to start paying towards this now, part payments can be made at the office or online using child's name and 'camp' as reference. Account number 123115 – 0216227 -000.

For those that have volunteered to help on our senior camp, it is a requirement that current police vetting is completed. Forms for this were sent home last term to those concerned. Please can you complete and get these back to us as they are required to be inputted with clearance before we leave for camp. Thank you.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Tauraroa Area School Open Day** - On August 4<sup>th</sup> an open day will be held at Tauraroa Area school for students considering high school there next year. Students will be collected from school here in the morning at 8.40 and be taken for a tour of the school for the day. If you would like your child to attend, please let us know and we will send a registration form home. Forms must be completed and returned by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. There will also be a parent/caregiver/ student evening held from 5.30 to 7pm. Further enquires please phone 432 2643.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

TERM THREE	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Interviews starting at 3.30 p.m.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Hundertwasser and Clapham's Clocks trip – Bus transport
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Board Meeting 7pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Years 6-8 attending Youth Summit
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Whole school attending Taniwha Challenge (Cross Country annual event at Te Horo)